



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH      CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Teri Rennia, City Council President  
Angela Holmes, City Clerk

## MINUTES Work Session

City Council Work Room, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton  
Monday August 18, 2014

**Called to Order.** Called to order by Council President Pro Tempore Webb at 6:00pm.

**Council Members Present:** Jerry Motsavage, Joseph Mihalko, Lea Webb, John Matzo, Bill Berg, Chris Papastrat

**Council Members Absent:** Teri Rennia

**Also Present:** Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Jeremy Pelletier, Acting City Clerk

### ITEMS CONSIDERED

**Discussion.** Raising funds for Carousel Recovery and Maintenance  
Presented by: Elizabeth Rounds

**Discussion.** On-Street Parking Permits for Elm Street residents.  
Presented by: Councilman Motsavage

**Discussion.** Review of memo from the Department of Planning, Housing and Community Development, dated July 25, 2014, addressing questions from Council members received at the August 4, 2014 Work Session.  
Presented by: Jennie Skeadas-Sherry, Director of Planning, Housing and Community Development

#### **Main/Court Street Corridor Plan, Section 2, "Commercial Corridor".**

- City Council members discussed whether the City should accept the proposed maximum building height (45'), or remove this proposal from the Main/Court Street Corridor Plan, and leave the dimensions at the current standard (65'). Councilman Motsavage, Councilman Mihalko and Councilwoman Webb were in favor of the new proposal; Councilman Matzo and Councilman Berg were in favor of maintaining existing regulations.  
*Note: City Council accepts the proposed height option proposed by the Planning Department.*

#### **Main/Court Street Corridor Plan, Section 2, "Design Standards"**

- City Council members noted that under "Transitional Buffer", the item "Wall height (min/max)" should be restated as "Fence or Wall height (min/max)".  
*Note: Planning staff will forward this request to the consultants. No further action required.*
- City Council members noted that under "Building Materials – Primary Materials", the list of allowable materials should be amended to include EIFS as a building material, but not for the first floor of any development.  
*Note: Planning staff will forward this request to the consultants. No further action required.*

#### **Main/Court Street Corridor Plan, Section 3, "Land Use"**

- Should a community garden be limited to the front or back of a property?  
*Note: City Council agreed to have community gardens be required to be in the rear of the property.*



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## **Main/Court Street Corridor Plan, Section 4, "Parking"**

- City Council members requested additional clarification concerning Required Bicycle Parking.  
*Note: City Council agreed to remove 4.1D. Required Bicycle Parking and 4.1E. Location of Required Bike Parking.*
- Councilman Matzo suggested providing an incentive to developers to meet parking lot and landscaping requirements. What incentives could the City use?  
*Note: Jennie Skeadas-Sherry will look into whether grants are available to provide developers incentives regarding landscaping requirements.*
- Remove the requirement of having wheel stops and curbs with gaps due to the potential issues with plowing during the winter. Keep existing language in code where wheel stops and curbs are required.  
*Note: Planning staff will forward this request to the consultants. No further action required.*

## **Main/Court Street Corridor Plan, Section 4, "Outdoor Display and Storage"**

- City Council members requested the elimination of Section 4.3.  
*Note: Planning staff will forward this request to the consultants. No further action required.*

**RL 14-116.** An Ordinance authorizing a transfer in the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board 2014 budget to fund a BIOSYR Pilot Study.

Presented by: Chuck Shager, Comptroller

Request for Legislation supported by: Berg, Matzo, Motsavage, Webb, Mihalko, Papastrat

Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

**RL 14-117.** An Ordinance amending the 2014 Capital Budget (Ross Park Amphitheater) adding revenue line H43089.EG001 (State Aid Parks) and expense line H1440.555555.EG01-Ross Park Amphitheater) in the amount of \$430,000

Presented by: Chuck Shager, Comptroller

Request for Legislation supported by: Berg, Matzo, Motsavage, Webb, Mihalko, Papastrat

Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

**RL 14-118.** An Ordinance amending the 2014 budget, increasing estimated revenue line A.42680 (Insurance Recoveries and expense line A1440.54410 (Professional Services) by \$41,250.00 to pay for the demolition of 2 Brown Street

Presented by: Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel

Request for Legislation supported by: Berg, Matzo, Motsavage, Webb, Mihalko, Papastrat

Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

**Discussion.** Review Sale of 24 Livingston Street

Presented by: Councilman Berg; Councilman Matzo

**Discussion.** Review of committee reports and pending legislation.

Presented by: Council President Pro-Tempore Webb

**Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn at 7:36pm.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Matzo.

**Voice vote, none opposed.**